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Port Security Advisory (4-04)

The below countries have not communicated to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for SOLAS signatory countries or the U.S. Coast Guard for non-SOLAS signatory countries all information regarding port facility security compliance as required by Regulation 13 of Chapter XI-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS) or the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA).

Albania	Dem. Rep. of Congo	Equatorial Guinea	Guinea-Bissau
Liberia	Madagascar	Mauritania	Nauru

The U.S. Coast Guard finds that these countries do not have effective anti-terrorism measures in place at their port facilities because of the failure to submit the required information indicating compliance with the port facility requirements of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.

Vessels that visited a country listed above during their last five port calls will be boarded at sea and be subject to increased Port State Control actions prior to being permitted to enter a U.S. port.

If a vessel takes the recommended steps outlined below, the vessel's security posture will be considered and reflected in the scope, intensity and duration of the Port State Control measures. These recommended precautions are in no way meant to interfere with the Flag State's right to designate the security level at which its vessels operate.

- Implement measures per the ship's security plan for a higher security level;
- Execute a Declaration of Security;
- Log all security actions in the ship's log; and
- Report actions taken to the cognizant U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port prior to arrival.

Since Port Security Advisory issued November 9, 2004 (www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mp/xport.html) the following country has communicated to the IMO all information regarding port facility security and is being removed from our advisory.

Benin

Vessels arriving from Benin are no longer requested to take additional security measures for the reasons described above. These vessels still may be subject to U.S. Coast Guard Port State Control boardings based on other targeting criteria discussed at www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/pscweb/index.htm.